

NOTICES.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above company will be held at the registered office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater road, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY the 27th day of December, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon when the abridged resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 1st day of December 1918 will be submitted for confirmation as special Resolutions:

- (1) That it is desirable to reconstruct this Company, and accordingly that this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Hugh Frank Campbell of St. George's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchant be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up at a remuneration of one hundred dollars.
- (2) That the General Managers of this Company, be authorised and requested to form and procure to be incorporated, a new Company to be called the "China Light & Power Company (1918) Ltd." (of which they shall be appointed by Agreement General Managers) with the object (inter alia) of acquiring the undertaking, business, goodwill, machinery, plant, book-debts and all other assets whatsoever of this Company, and of carrying on business in or near Kowloon and/or elsewhere if thought desirable with Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. Hongkong, and their successors in business as General Managers so long as the General Managers for the time being (if a corporation) or (if an unincorporated firm) any one or more partner or partners in the firm of the General Managers individually or collectively shall hold not less than one thousand shares of the Company.

(3) That the proposed Memorandum and Articles of such new Company Submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved and that the Liquidator be authorised to consent to the registration of such new Company with such Memorandum and Articles accordingly.

(4) That the draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting (marked "A," and expressed to be made between this Company and the Liquidator of the one part, and The China Light & Power Company (1918) Ltd. of the other part be approved; and that the Liquidator be authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (when Incorporated) in the terms of the said draft and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as he with the approval of the General Managers of the new Company thinks fit.

(5) That the Liquidator be authorised to obtain advances from the General Managers of any monies requisite upon such terms as he thinks fit.

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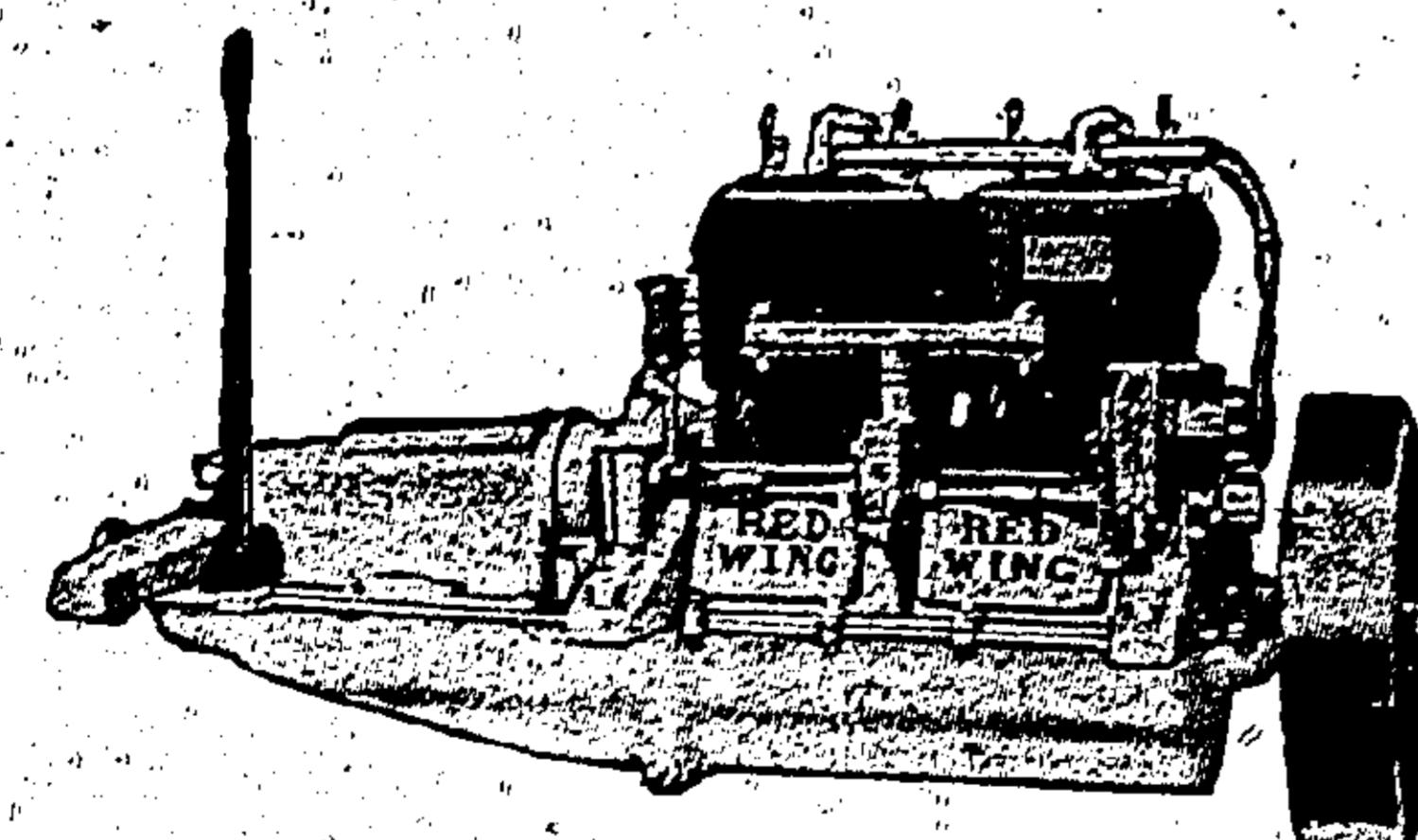
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1918.

THE CASE FOR REFORM.

We hail with the deepest satisfaction the announcement that the Constitutional Reform Association has decided to renew its campaign, suspended during the war, for a complete overhauling of Hongkong's electoral system. On January 9th, a public meeting under the auspices of the Association is to be held at the Theatre Royal for the purpose of representing to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the medium of the local Government, the aspirations of residents of the Colony in this connection. Yesterday we gave the text of the resolution which is to be proposed, and we think it will be generally conceded that it reflects a very reasonable, and, at the same time, necessary demand. Summed up in a few words, it requests the substitution of the elective for the nominative principle, the abolition of the Official Majority and the extension of the suffrage so as to include all who are either liable for jury service or, being eligible, are for special reasons exempt therefrom. There is nothing in the least degree revolutionary in these demands; they are extremely mild in character when we think of the reforms which have recently been initiated at Home. Best of all, they reflect a growing desire on the part of the public to have some share in the Colony's civil life.

The Legislative Council as at present constituted is merely an interesting relic of other days. It is utterly unsuited to the times in which we live. On the one hand, it presents the appearance, because of the Unofficial members serving on it, of being a body through which the public—the people who pay the taxes—can influence and control legislation. But because of the Official Vote, the Officials can always be forced into a position of utter impotence, no matter how strongly the public may feel on any question against which the Government has set its face. Apart altogether from the malice in which the Official Majority is used, the placing of such a power in the hands of men who are, after all, the servants of the public, is wrong in principle and altogether out of tune with modern representative ideals. Those who pay the piper have every right to call the tune. That, in a nutshell, is the case for the abolition of the iniquitous anachronism known as the Official Majority. Then we come to the method of appointment of the Unofficial members. At present, there are six of these, one being chosen by the Chamber of Commerce, one by the Justices of the Peace and the remaining four, including two Chinese, appointed by the Government. The proposal to be made at the forthcoming public meeting is that the number of Unofficials be increased to eight, the two Chinese still to be nominated, but the rest chosen by election—two by the Chamber of Commerce, one by the Justices of the Peace and the other three (to include one British subject of the Portuguese race) by the public. That, to our way of thinking, is a most admirable and well-thought-out scheme, and one which we feel certain will receive full support at the forthcoming public meeting. The nominative principle, like the Official Majority, has outlived its day. There is only one way of dealing with it—speedy abolition.

This is undoubtedly the appropriate moment in which to press for the constitutional reforms outlined above. Old institutions are going into the melting pot; a new and better order is arising. Here in Hongkong the people who are asking for the vote are not of the ignorant, revolutionary type. They are, on the whole, of a better and more enlightened class than the bulk of the electorate at Home. A big proportion of them are men of commerce who have helped to make, and are still building up, British influence and prestige in the East. They cannot justly be denied the privileges and the responsibilities which they now seek. When the meeting is held and the resolution passed, the community will expect the Government to transmit the demands without delay to the Imperial authorities. The Colony is serious on this question. It knows what it wants. It means to have it. The granting of popular desires may be withheld for a time. Public sentiment must eventually come by its own.

A Counter.

Among the spectators who witnessed the crossing of the Rhine by the British Army were many demolished German soldiers, who were still in uniform. These men, in the space of a few days, had seen two armies cross the Rhine—our a defeated and the other a victorious army. What must have been their thoughts as they contrasted the two! It is reported that they could not withhold their admiration of the splendid condition of our men and horses, for they must have been a striking contrast to those who crossed the Rhine a few days before. It was in fact a picture of victory and defeat. On the one hand we have the defeated German masses sullen and hopeless, ragged and half-starved, covered with shame and ignominy, on the other we see the magnificent spectacle of our victorious army proudly advancing into a conquered country, with bands playing and flags flying. Nothing could exemplify more the utter humiliation of Germany and the overwhelming victory of the Allies. The passage of the Rhine is in truth a striking picture of conqueror and vanquished.

The Shameen Germans.

There has been so much of an irresponsible character written and said in regard to the British treatment of the Germans on Shameen that the facts which we published yesterday, from official sources, will possibly come as somewhat of a surprise to many who read our special account of what has actually transpired. In point of fact, the British authorities at Canton have shown a measure of tolerance and forbearance towards the Hun, there which they have never deserved but have even abused by passing obnoxious remarks while enjoying their freedom and in other ways as well. If we try to imagine what the situation would have been, were the Shameen's German Concession, we shall get some idea of the liberal and generous treatment which was accorded these sons of the Fatherland. For all too long were they given their freedom; and in view of their own behaviour and their connection with a nation which, as Mr. Jamison rightly says, places them in the category of moral lepers, it says much for British restraint that they were so little interfered with. What they wanted was prompt internment when war broke out; the eventual expulsion on the side of leniency. To-day many of them are still at large in Chinese territory near by. If China had a grain of sense she would see that they were speedily placed under restraint. A German is a dangerous customer anywhere; he is especially so in China.

Keep the Germans Out.

It is evident that the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States are in dead earnest on the question of the exclusion of Germans. It will have been seen from our issue of Wednesday that the Federal Council at Kuala Lumpur has adopted a resolution much on the same lines as that passed by two successive public meetings in Hongkong and that the Straits Merchant Service Guild has gone even further, even to the extent of urging that any person or firm anywhere east of Suez employing or having dealings with enemy subjects should be black-listed for a term of years. Since then, a public meeting at Singapore has also expressed itself in favour of exclusion. Now, undoubtedly it is the time for us to speak our minds on this subject with no ambiguity, at the same time taking pains to see that the views expressed reach those who will sit at the Peace Conference table. It is to be noticed that the F.M.S. Council, officials and unofficials alike, were unanimous in passing the resolution. That is a good lead for Hongkong to follow. The public here has spoken with no uncertain voice on the issue; it is now time the Legislative Council endorsed the Colony's opinion. We went matters so far as to nominate that the Colossal mind for teaching the Celestial mind for a bit to write and read an essay on this very subject. There was no many folk at the meeting but that didn't matter much anyway so long as it got three or four columns in the papers—there's no many telegrams nowadays anyway. Aye, lad, the womenfolk at home have been splendid and yet I wonder—I wonder. I'm old-fashioned enough to think that the Miss in overall, in uniform and in politico will come as a

DAY BY DAY.

PRAISE UNDESERVED IS SCANDAL IN DISGUISE.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the third anniversary of the appointment of General Sir William Robertson as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 34. 3/16d.

The Health Return.

Yesterday there was one fatal case of diphtheria notified, the victim being a Chinese.

Unpaid Rates.

Six Chinese were summoned for amounts ranging from \$27 to \$100, for rates, by Mr. Leo Longinotto, on behalf of the Colonial Treasurer, in the Summary Court, this morning.

The Wrong Term.

Under the heading of "Strength" in today's Police Reserve orders it is recorded that the P.C.—is invalidated out. "Weakness" would have been a better heading.

A New Building.

The Sun Company, Limited, Universal Providers, are putting up a building of vast proportions, on the river front, at Canton. This huge structure, when completed, will consist of seven storeys and will dwarf some of the surrounding buildings, some of which are of no mean size.

Children's Party.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. and Mrs. Holycross gave a Children's Party in the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon. About 250 children and their friends were present, including H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and Major General Ventris. Mr. Sutherland gave a Punch and Judy Show and there was also a cinema performance.

For British Sailors in Canton.

The authorities of the British Concession on Shameen have very thoughtfully erected a Naval Canteen, for the use of British sailors on the Bund. Although the Canteen is only a matched erection, it has been very nicely fitted up with billiard table, piano, library and bar, and is greatly appreciated by the men for whose use it is provided.

To-morrow's Pictorial Supplement.

Our pictorial supplement to be given away with to-morrow's issue will be found of a most interesting character. The pictures will include a sketch of the proposed new Repulse Bay Hotel; a photograph of "Seven and Sixpenny Hill," Hongkong, in connection with which we have arranged a competition, particulars of which will be given tomorrow; and a group of the Allied Ministers at Peking taken on Armistice Day, as well as other illustrations of local and general interest.

Billiards.

In the second round of the Palace Hotel Handicap last night, a good game was witnessed between Capt. E. B. Green (owes 250) and Mr. C. E. Vas (owes 100). Capt. Green, who is one of the best men we have in the Colony, had so far the best break (51) but he could not get going until the latter part of the game, but Vas played a very consistent game throughout. After Vas had got to (130), Green came away with breaks of 30, 28, 24 (twice) and 21, just passing Vas and winning by 12 points. The scores were:—Green, 250; Vas, 238. Vas had the highest break of 35. To-night W.G. Gerrard meets E. Gomarias at 9 p.m.

Beautifying the Shamoon.

A wonderful change has come over the British Concession, on Shameen, during the past twelve months, in connexion with beautifying the Bund. New paths have been made and the Public Gardens, tennis courts, and other open spaces exhibit the result of assiduous and careful attention for the welfare of the public. There are many beautiful flowering plants and the grassed areas are splendidly kept so long as it got three or four columns in the papers—there's no many telegrams nowadays anyway. Aye, lad, the womenfolk at home have been splendid and yet I wonder—I wonder. I'm old-fashioned enough to think that the Miss in overall, in uniform and in politico will come as a

ROBBIE'S LETTERS: XVI.

To His Nephew in an English Hospital.

Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1918.
Dear Alick,

....but as I told Macpherson you cannae judge a picture according to the Marquis of Queensberry's Rules, and so him and me nearly fall out about it. But you Sketching Club got up a fine show all the same. I'd rather have enjoyed the pictures by myself but of course Mac would have to go with me and I'm no' sayin', mind ye, but what he'd a perfect right if he felt that way inclined. But to pose as an artist just because he happens to have a when oil painting himself that he got painted in Wyndham Street years ago, just fair riled me. You know the kind of pictures Macpherson has—masterpieces a la Paur's Christmas Annual with the technique of a Hongkong bred artist—"The Captain of the Team," "Cherry Ripe," "Saving the Gun at Colenso," no' to speak of Lord Kitchener done in twelve colours and a vanish. Macpherson there can keep a mongrel dog for years—not nobody wants it—but if I get a pup I've aye noticed that in ratio to the length of its pedigree so is the length of time he's under our roof. But I hope all the same that Janet's haggis is not going the rounds in France for all that, but if it does go astray I only hope that it's an R.A.M.C. chap that gets it—he'll be the most likely to know how to doctor himself afterwards.....

Christmas will soon be here again, lad, and Janet has been wandering ever since you've been in hospital whether you'll get the haggis she sent you, safe enough. I put my foot in it the other night (no' the haggis) when I remarked that we never did lose the things that didn't matter much. It's the same wi' dogs. Macpherson there can keep a mongrel dog for years—not nobody wants it—but if I get a pup I've aye noticed that in ratio to the length of its pedigree so is the length of time he's under our roof. But I hope all the same that Janet's haggis is not going the rounds in France for all that, but if it does go astray I only hope that it's an R.A.M.C. chap that gets it—he'll be the most likely to know how to doctor himself afterwards.....

Wat Jean's fair been worrying me for a scooter this year but I keep on telling her that Santa Claus is maybe too old-fashioned to think about them new-fangled things. Janet keeps on looking very solemn the while, but I can see by the glint in her e'e that Jean is going to get that scooter in the long run. Jimmie, he wants a drum—and likely to get it too after a promise to Janet not to distract Grandad. Jimmie's ideas of keeping that promise will be to whang it most when I'm having a nap. Last year he operated on his sister's mouth wi' a glove stretcher wi' disastrous results to himself.....

As I've often said before, Alick, what's the use of being ignorant if you don't show it! Macpherson drew my attention to a screw that appeared in the Police Gazette's Magazine in which the writer was ignorant enough to mention my name three times without first sending me a proof for correction. He might have known that it's not permissible in Hongkong nowadays for to have anything printed in the newspapers that hasn't been first made public property. Besides, if you man's no' carefu' he'll be had up for libel. I was half inclined to write him a lawyer's letter myself and make him apologise in the next issue of the Gazette—but no, mind ye, before he'd sent me a proof pull of his withdrawal beforehand, that being the usual procedure I am informed in these days of a free and enlightened Press. But on second thoughts I've made up my mind to treat him wi' silent contempt. The more you stand on dirt the broader it turns, as I think the best way is to say no more about it. No' that I'm feared—by heck no. But I'd like to inform him that I've had some education myself—no' leaving school till I was twelve years old. But putting that to one side, I'm educated enough to know that no' matter how a b-dy speaks—he has to write in plain English—so that English folks will have a chance to understand what he's driving at. Besides as I've said before my name's no' Bobbie and as for writing poetry I hope I'll never be so intellectually bankrupt or have so much spare time on my hand as to descend to writing you kind of a senseless doggerel. Besides "squa" dinnae rhyme wi' fix" in Scotland anyway. The only time a Scotman could make a sound like that would be when he had a hot potato in his mouth. As I said before, I'm not going to take any notice of the scurrilous article, but what I object most to is the attempt that it is to cause bad feeling between two peoples that have always been the best of friends when they don't come in contact with each other. As you know,

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Americans are not notoriously royalists in sentiment, but King George has "won through" their rooted prejudice. They view him a "regular feller"—which, it would seem, is one of their ways of announcing that one is a good sort. An American paper accounts enthusiastically of the manner the King ate buckwheat cakes, with the Queen, at the American canteen in London:—"George and Mary are ordinary visitors, come to disturb no one, mingle with all, be friendly. No distinction for them; and, above all, no ceremony. They went to eat an American dish and sit down with the boys at one of the big tables covered with oilcloth. 'Buckwheat cake is the best thing we have,' says the host, a little flustered by the visit. And buckwheat cakes it was, with New England maple-syrup. George and Mary clear their plates with gusto, taste the unfamiliar griddle cakes delicious, and then go the round of kitchens and dormitories, departing like people who had had a good time!"

Few towns of its size have produced a greater number of distinguished men than Valenciennes and few of its age are more disappointing. One may forgive much to the birthplace of Froissart and the brothers Watteau, but even so one is forced to admit that, but if one is forced to admit the justice of Victor Hugo's pronouncement that it was "hardly any better than Cambrai," to him, was "a prodigy of boredom." The thing most stimulating to the imagination in Valenciennes is, or, at any rate was, an 18th-century pothouse of enormous proportions. The cost of building it was met by a temporary tax of a farthing on every pot of beer drunk in the neighbouring district of Hainaut, whose inhabitants clearly had a wondrous thirst for well-doing.

The Doctor in charge of an Indian hospital in France was an Indian, and one day a great personage of the military medical world came to inspect the hospital. After going round the General asked: "And how many natives do you say you accommodate?" "Oh!" was the reply "the hospital for the natives is over there," pointing to a French establishment, "this, Sir, is for His Majesty's Indian soldiers." The Indian doctor knew the proper meaning of the word native. There is no opprobrium attached to it, for everyone is a native of somewhere or other.

Hermann von Wissmann the first to cross Africa from the West to East, and became the first Governor of German East Africa. When he last attended a Congress in London he was asked by Mr. T. L. Gilmore, "How are you getting on with your colonies and colonisation?" He threw up his hands in a way that was almost more Latin than German, and said: "I have washed my hands of the whole business." "Why?" asked his amazed interlocutor. "Because we Germans do not know how to colonise, and we are not willing to learn."

"Piggin." We are beginning to get our news cables in piggin English now. A wire to-day read: "Silver very quiet." I never believed in the "Who's like us" sort of thing, for we all know that Banburyshire was an out-of-the-way and a bit Hannish at that, and that we got our licks properly at Flodden and that Scots folk subsist on Haggis and porridge and that they got to wear kilts because their legs are too big to get into their trousers. We know all that years ago and we try to bear up as best we can in the circumstance but it's no' nice to be reminded about it in public print. I don't want to say another word about it, but if you Englishmen can speak the English language better than the average Scotman can, then he's the first I've heard at it. Him and his Gasco—by heck if he's no' carefu' tell him something in Gaelic that'll leave him paralysed and speechless for a month.

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Miss Chen Wong, 3rd Floor, 37 Douglas Street (2) from Shanghai.

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SPORTING TIT-BITS.

There is a pretty general opinion among football enthusiasts in England that there is a revival of interest in Association football.

No Scottish League club gained the full number of points during October, but three Glasgow clubs, Rangers, Clyde, and Patrick Thistle, dropped only one each.

Mr. Michaelis, the owner of Zinovia, the winner of the Cambridge Cup, has given \$1,000 to the Royal Memorial Hospital, Newmarket, to found a Zinovia bsi.

Riding honours during the past racing season have been carried off by the Jockey Donghess. He has ridden the greatest number of winners, and has also the best average.

"We want more sport in football," says a well-known English writer in dealing with the question of reconstruction after the war. All who are interested in the welfare of the game will say "Amen" to that.

Harry Stokes, who acted as trainer to Tancy Lee in his last two championship matches, will have charge of young Joe Symonds for his best contest with Tommy Noble for the banian championship.

The contest between the boxes of the Belgian and British Armies at the National Sporting Club has been postponed until some time about the New Year. This is due to the number of casualties that have recently taken place among the Belgian team.

Mr. Ben Tillett, writing in regard to the Dick Burge memorial, says:—"Dick had the truest and warmest friend I have ever known. Men like him have given to our country a standard of courage that after all has made us superior, because of our fighting qualities, to the brute beast of Germany."

The late Gordon White, the South African cricketer, had an average of 54.62 in the Test matches against P. F. Warner's team at the Cape during 1905-6. In the five contests he was only once dismissed for a single figure, and made 147 in four hours in the third game. He was never a great success in this country.

The death is announced of Sec. Lieut. H. P. Turnbull, a prominent Harlot's athlete, and Rugby player of two and three seasons ago. He was a son of Mr. D. L. Turnbull, a master at the school, and the first captain of Harlot's F.P. Cricket Club. Much sympathy for the bereaved father will be felt in teaching and sporting circles.

One feature of the flat-racing season just concluded has been the success of the Mantor stable, and another that for the first time a lady heads the list of winning owners and breeders—Lady James Douglas, the owner and breeder of the triple crown winner, Gainsborough. Her winnings amount to \$14,735, and the Mantor stable earned of £36,719 in stakes.

CRICKET.

C.R.C. v. Royal Navy.

This League match will be played on Saturday on Navy ground and the following will represent the C.R.C.:—Ng Siu Kwong (Capt.), Yew Man Tuan, James Wong, Harry Ching, K. K. Wong, G. F. Lee, Liu Yet Min; George Lee, Wei Lee San, Chow Yat Cheong, and Un Haw Fai.

H.K.C.C. v. U.C.C.

To be played on Saturday the 21st instant on the H.K.C.C. ground. The University side will be:—A. H. Runjain (Capt.), E. A. Ponsonby Fane, G. E. Marley, J. D. Wright, F. A. Redmond, W. Gittins, M. P. Chos, D. K. Samy, X. S. Lim, H. C. Ang, and T. H. Yeo, with T. Li, Cheah (Reserve).

K.C.C. v. s. War Drummer.

This match will be played on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. at Kowloon.

The following have been selected to play for Kowloon:—L. J. Blackburn, W. Hyde, F. G. Hazlewood, E. J. Edwards, R. Frost, A. deacon, O. J. Strelton, G. H. Taylor, G. P. Thomas, G. D. Nunn, and D. D. Dunn.

A MUSICAL ITEM.

Upcoming Concert in Hongkong.

Hongkong will promised a musical treat on January 4th when a concert is to be given at the Theatre Royal by Miss Wedgwood-Zealot, the famous Polish pianist, and Mr. Artur Kiriloff, a famous operatic singer.

These talented artists have had most successful tour in Japan where they gave eighty concerts, and at Shanghai. They are passing through the Colony on their way to Manila, Java and Indo-China, and may eventually proceed to Australia and New Zealand.

It is interesting to learn that Miss Zealot commenced her musical career at the early age of sixteen, when, upon her graduation from the Conservatoire at Warsaw she played upon the concert platforms of many cities of Russia and Poland. When nine years of age she became the principal of the Imperial College of Music at Tomsk, and after about two years she resumed her concert career and has since given recitals to enthusiastic audiences in the principal cities of Europe. All the press accounts of her work tell with tribute to her artistic skill, the London Times saying the merits of her playing are an appreciation of musical tone and a quick responsiveness to emotional phases.

Mr. Kiriloff comes from South Russia, where he was trained under the eminent Italian Professor Rossi. He is a dramatic baritone and has sung in all parts of Russia and Siberia, as well as in other countries. We have seen some press notices of his singing, and all these pay a high tribute to his talents. Just before the war he was invited to Athens to sing at the Opera House, but the outbreak of hostilities necessitated a cancellation of the engagement. The forthcoming concert should prove a great draw.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

A STREET INCIDENT.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Apropos of the remark by "A.B.A." in yesterday night's issue, I think this individual should have been more careful in the wording of his letter. I cannot see what connection our talented C.S.P.'s has with the matter at issue. Surely "A.B.A." does not expect the latter to chase the former round about H. M. Naval Dockyard, and, thus relieve the regular P.C. and the Dockyard Police of a little work? An "Admirer" of the Police, and the public generally will foolishly agree with me that the higher officials of our Police force, as individuals of the highest type of British education, are the right men in the right place and hence beyond reproach by such as ignoramus as "A. B. A." appears to be. This is, I am sorry, not always the case with the subordinate members of the force. No doubt "Admirer" had this in mind when he wrote his letter. Also the actual work of a P.O. nowadays cannot be strenuous as "A.B.A." wishes us to believe. By all accounts the Special Police Reserves have lightened the burdens of the regular considerably and the labour entailed by a six-hour watch per diem cannot easily compare with some of the men-for-three-men's-work accomplished in some of our more isolated mercantile offices during four long years of the war. With all due respect to Mr. "A. B. A." opinions and feelings, I think he should be more exact in future, and not attempt to compound issues.

Apologizing for encroaching on your valuable space.

Yours truly,

T. KRING.

Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 15, 1918.

VESSELS LOADING AND TO LOAD.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight To be applied.	To be Despatched.
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JAPAN AND COAST PORTS.

Manila	Yuenyang	J. M. Co.	20 Dec.
Shanghai	Kaifong	B. & S.	20 Dec.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	N. Y. K.	21 Dec.	
Shanghai	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	24 Dec.
Seagon	Tijpanas	J.C.J. L.	24 Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Shimchiku M.	N. Y. K.	24 Dec.
Shanghai via Ningpo	Taiwan	J. M. Co.	24 Dec.
Swatow and Amoy	Haihung	D. L. Co.	24 Dec.
Shanghai	Singan	B. & S.	24 Dec.
Haiphong	Tuengching	J. M. Co.	24 Dec.
Macassar	Tiliwong	J.C.J. L.	25 Dec.
Shanghai	Kweilin	B. & S.	26 Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	27 Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	27 Dec.
Singapore	Waerwijk	J. M. Co.	28 Dec.
Shanghai	Yingchow	J.C.J. L.	30 Dec.
Batavia	Tjikui	N. Y. K.	31 Dec.
Batavia	Tjimaneek	N. Y. K.	18 Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kitano M.	N. Y. K.	

CONSIGNMENT.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS

THE Company's Steamship

"KAMAKURA MARU."

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON.

Goods not cleared by the 25th December, 1918, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday.

Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims can be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

Agents

Hongkong, 15th December, 1918 & P.

NOTICE.

DO YOU SUFFER?

from any SKIN BLOOD-DISEASE.

the above surface of skin, hair, eyes, nose, mouth, ears, etc., etc., are covered with a red or brownish-yellow color, and you feel pain, heat, burning, etc., when you touch them.

you have a sore, itchy, scaly, crusty, etc., skin, and you feel pain, heat, burning, etc., when you touch them.

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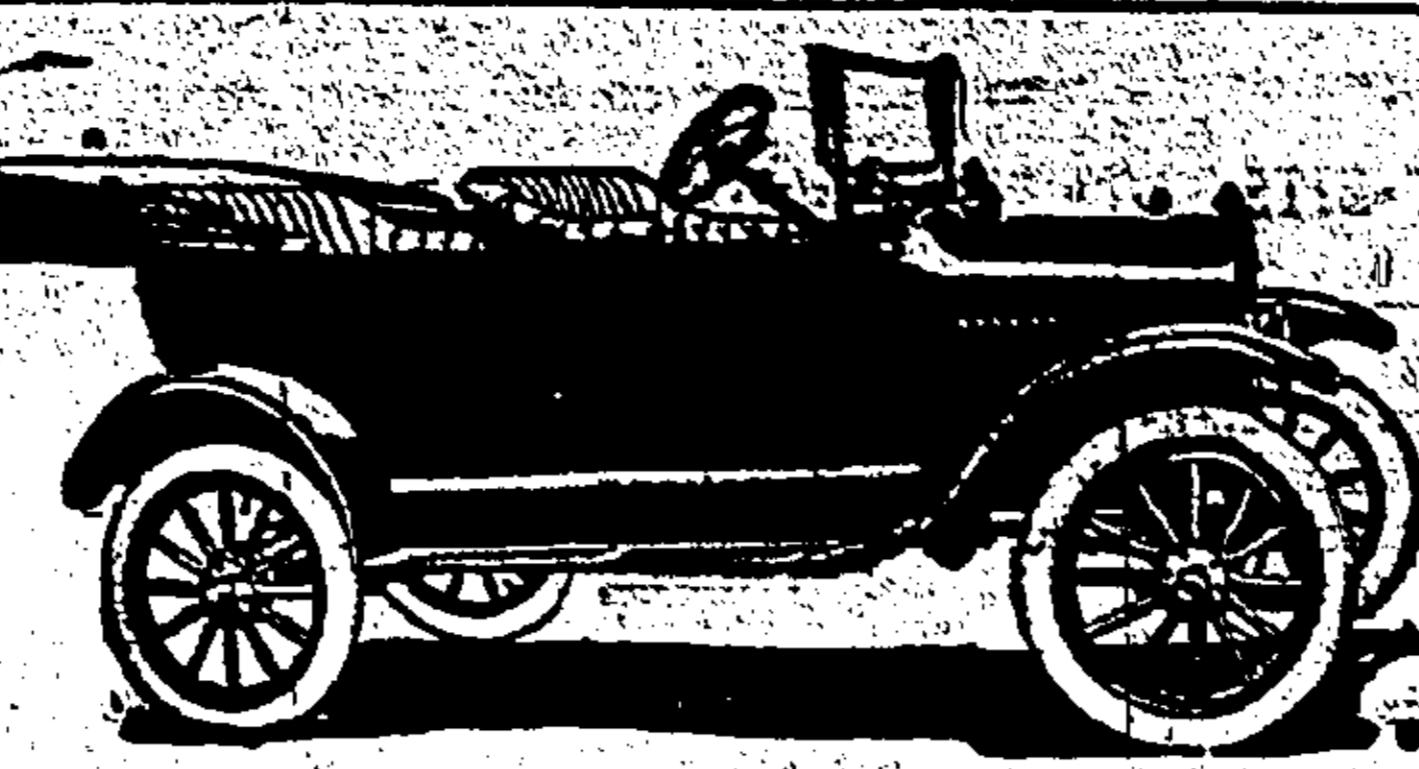
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you have a sore, itchy, scaly, crusty, etc

\$1,250 (Local Currency) complete with
Electric Lights and Electric Horn.
ALEX ROSS & CO.
Sole Agents for the Canadian Ford.



IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Humour of the Police Courts.

Goodness alone knows what our Chinese lower-class citizens think of Hongkong's legal machinery. In many instances they must think our law-dispensers crazy. At least, one Chinese woman will form this estimate for she was fined this morning \$3 for cutting 60 catties of grass valued at \$1.40 which was growing on a Government plantation. Nothing is free, gentleman, in a British possession. Everything has a value, even grass on the roadside. So don't feel shocked when you are hauled up the next time for inhaling more than your average amount of oxygen!

Nice Unexploited Field for Hawkers.

No money to buy a licence is an excuse that does not hold water in the Police Courts. The trying Magistrate's reply is invariably: "You can buy rest at the Victoria Gaol." One man who was found hawking near the Wanchai market was fined \$3—about the value of the licence. He had \$1.83 on his person. These Chinese who have no means at their disposal are so dense-headed. They will insist on entering a profession that demands an entrance fee. There is such a big field in Hongkong.

A Menace To Our Lives.

A menace to the lives of the citizens of Colony is the number of dangerous buildings. We are of opinion that there are many old structures here that require the inspection of the Building authorities. We therefore, rejoiced to see that one landlord was called upon to face the music of Mr. J. R. Wood's Court for failing to comply with the request of the P.W.D. The case is a very interesting and is an illustration of how a Chinese landlord can fool the Building authorities. The landlord of 170, Wellington Street was charged with failing to pull down the fourth and fifth stories of this building, as ordered by the P.W.D. Mr. A. E. Wright, executive engineer of the Public Works Department, who appeared to prosecute, said the position was that he served a notice on the landlord condemning the building as dangerous and ordering him to pull down the fourth and fifth stories. Nothing had been done since although letters and reminders were frequently sent.

The notice was served on August 9th, and the landlord was given fourteen days to carry the order out. The building was not immediately dangerous. He was afraid of a typhoon, earthquake or rains. The building had not been shored. It was originally a three-storyed one. A storey was built a few years ago and another one added after that. The plan of the original building showed the retaining walls at 14 inches. The new walls were 14 inches. On examination it was found that the original walls were 9 inches and therefore the building would be top heavy.

Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the defendant, said he thought it was only a three-storyed building, and not five. He wished to get Mr. Rosser and other experts to examine the building. He noticed that he was charged as well under the drainage laws. Mr. Wright said the drainage by-laws had nothing to do with the building authorities. Mr. Goldring said his summons mentioned Section 221 of the Building Ordinance. The Magistrate said it should read section 229. Mr. Goldring said he was worrying about the weep-holes (Leakage). Mr. Wright said he did not see what the building experts would be to Mr. Goldring. The P.W.D. had condemned the building and there was no evidence required on the point. A formal adjournment till Saturday was granted.

Law Advertiser Wanted. The average Chinese, it has been often contended, does not know the law, so when this morning Mr. M. R. Lo told Mr. J. R. Wood this, he was merely postulating a truth. The Hok Li shop of jewellers 14, Circular Pathway, was prosecuted at the instance of the Police for being in possession of dangerous goods, i.e., four gallons of sulphuric acid without a licence and nitric acid without also for selling same.

Mr. M. R. Lo, in pleading guilty on both summonses, said he was instructed to lay certain facts in mitigation of the offence. The firm was established two years ago and he understood that all Hongkong goldsmiths had been in the habit of using sulphuric acid for the purpose of their business every day. Neither his client nor any goldsmith, he ventured think, thought it necessary to get a licence. The shop used to buy a certain quantity monthly or periodically and since the sellers had a licence and the goldsmith client did not think he was to procure one. He had to use two or three lbs. every day and sometimes more, so that he had to get quantities of 20 lbs. from the Kung Wo shop. Since the summons was issued only small quantities were being purchased. His client did not sell the stuff, but in this instance only sold a small quantity. His jeweller was not a habitual trader in acids. He asked his Worship to take a lenient view of the case and inflict a very nominal fine. All goldsmiths were labouring under ignorance—ignorance engenders long practice. The publicity that would be given to the case would bring the necessity of having a licence home to the goldsmiths.

Inspector Terrett said that he seized the stuff under the Dangerous Goods Act; it consisted of four jars and four bottles. Seven of the eight either contained chlorine, sulphuric or intrinsic acid. Even if the defendant had a licence, he would still have to prosecute him for faulty storage. Sulphuric acid was dangerous. The danger of fire was not great unless the acid came into contact with something else. Mr. Wood fined the defendant \$10 for selling and \$20 for the storage of the stuff, which was ordered to be confiscated.

Ways of Settling Debts.

There are many ways of settling a debt. The calm man says: "My Lord, I shall be highly grateful to you if you pay me the \$20 you borrowed from me last time. My wife and children are feeling the cold and I have no money with which to buy them winter garments." The independent man says: "I have to remind you that you have not as yet refunded the loan. An early compliance will oblige." The man with the Cain-like temperament does not waste words. This is how he realises his money. "You have money on you and you can pay me immediately. You have the alternative of preserving your head or your money." One Chinese, who had to get \$6 from another Chinese, met the latter in Jubilee Street, and he used this method of demand. It proved unsatisfactory and the result was the debtor paid the loan in form of a bleeding face. For taking the law into his hands he was fined \$10 by Mr. Wood and was cautioned that the next time he did this sort of thing he will have to be sent to gaol.

The Dialect Tangle.

The different dialects of China can exhaust the resources of our Law and Police Courts. An instance in support of this occurred this morning at the Magistracy, when a Chinese storekeeper on board an Asiatic Petroleum Company's vessel was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with the larceny of a quantity of rope. The man spoke a peculiar dialect and then you see

FALL FROM HOUSE-TOP.

Dies in Hospital.

At five o'clock this morning, a thief broke into a private house through the roof, in Des Vaux Road, almost opposite the Wing On Company. After collecting various articles, including jewellery and money, the robber proceeded to escape by the way they came and whilst doing this, one of the men fell from the roof to the pavement, a distance of about 100 feet, with all the booty on his person. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition, and died this afternoon.

BASEBALL.

Happy Valley Baseball Club v. the Nippon Club.

The following will represent the Happy Valley Baseball Club in a baseball match against the Nippon Club on Sunday, the 22nd inst., at Happy Valley, commencing 3 p.m. sharp.—Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Riche, Mr. Pachito Tovaz, Mr. U. M. Omar, Mr. B. M. Omar, Mr. A. S. Hamid.

Smokes for French Soldiers.

In response to an appeal to the American Consul from Hanoi for Christmas cheer for 300 French invalided soldiers recently arrived from the seat of war, Mrs. J. H. Taggart has been instrumental in collecting and despatching 10,000 cigarettes for the use of these troops during Christmas. The donors of the cigarettes are as follows.—Canton and Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co. 1,600; Mr. Baring 3,000; Mr. Settle 2,000; Mrs. Thomson 1,000; and Mrs. J. H. Taggart 3,900. The French Consul in Haiphong has thanked Mrs. Taggart on behalf of his compatriots and feels sure that the gift will be very much appreciated.

Returned.

Mr. J. Scott Harston returned to the Colony to-day from Australia.

Influenza in Kobe.

A report received from Kobe, yesterday, that the lower class Japanese residents are dying at the rate of about 300 a week, from the influenza scourge.

in the Court who could interpret him. Fortunately the man spoke pidgin English.

Inspector Gordon related how a Police launch going in the direction of the ship saw junk sailing away and when stopped a large quantity of rope was found. The three passengers in the junk said that they purchased it from the storekeeper and the Police took them on board the Asiatic steamer where the storekeeper denied the story. In the meantime the storekeeper requested to be allowed to go to the laboratory and going in the men attempted to jump out through the loopholes but was seized just in the nick of time. The passengers said they paid \$50 for the rope, which was really worth \$200. They were charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. O. W. Parkes, the Chief Officer of the ship, said every night the defendant locked the doors of the storerooms and handed him the keys. This morning he found that one of the doors was tampered with. He identified the ropes as belonging to the steamer. As the vessel was sailing to-day Mr. Wood allowed the rope to be handed over to the ship and adjourned the hearing.

The man spoke a peculiar dialect and then you see

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:—

Strength. No. 238 Sapper C. Stratford, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

Transfers.

No. 307 Pte. T.G.F. Fleming,

No. 324 Pte. G. M. Lakin and

No. 313 Pte. W. Ross are transferred from "A" Company to the

Engineer Company, dated 17.12.

18. No. 988 Pte. G. E. Holmes is

transferred from "B" Company

to the Engineer Company, dated

17th December, 1918.

Leave.

Pte. J. H. Brister, M. Gun Company, is granted 9 weeks' leave, on business, from 28th December, 1918.

Annual Musketry Course.

The following is the result of firing of Annual Course by No. 7 Platoon, "B" Company.

Number exercised 15

Marksmen 3

1st Class shots 9

2nd " 3

15

The averages obtained were:

Practices No. 13 14.2

" 14 24.3

" 15 11.2

" 16 23.1

" 17 12.4

" 18 11.7

" 19 7.

104.1

Issue of Ordeas.

The next issue of Corps Orders will be on 3rd January, 1919.

Artillery Orders.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D., state:—

Parades at Balchera Battery—

Tuesday, 24th December,

7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Friday, 27th December—5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

The following N.C.O.s. and men of Left Half Company have passed the D.R.E. Examination held by the I.G.:—Sergt. MacPherson, Corp. Gammie, L/Bomb. Mo. Tavish and Gunner Mackay.

Engineer Orders.

Orders for Engineers Company by Captain W. Russell state:—

Notice.

Pay and Travelling Expenses for November and December will be paid out on Monday and Tuesday, 23rd and 24th instant, between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon at the Engineer Company's Office, H.K.D.O. Headquarters.

A Company dinner will be held on Saturday, January 11th, at the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. All members of the Company wishing to be present will notify, as soon as possible, 2nd Lieut. Blackburn, from whom any information desired may be obtained. It is the wish of the Dinner Committee that every member should be present.

Infantry Orders.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan state:—

" B COMPANY.

Sunday, 22nd December—8 a.m. No. 8 Platoon, at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, 17 and 18. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

MACHLINE GUN COMPANY.

Men, as detailed by O. C. Company will parade at Kennedy Road Range as ordered to fire Part I. M. Gun Course.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 23rd December—5.15 p.m. The following recruits will

parade at Kennedy Road Range under Sergt. Edmonds:—Ptes.

W. V. Doherty, A. K. Macleod,

and A. G. S. Morton. Dress, Drill order without pouches.

Cadet Company.

Orders for Cadet Company by

2nd Lieut. J. W. Bassett state:—

ECONOMY.

The Ford is essentially a strong, light car, being built of Vanadium steel, the lightest and strongest steel made. Weight is the most expensive thing in a motor car. Every additional pound increases the demand on the motor, makes necessary more gasoline and oil, and results in greater wear on tyres.

DUTIABLE TOBACCO.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

A Revenue Prosecution.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, this afternoon, Wong Kat Tong, of the Man Lee shop, of 74, Praya East, was charged with being in possession of a quantity of dutiable Three Castles cigarettes and tobacco, without the permission of Mr. Tratman Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. Tratman, as complainant, stated that he would first direct His Worship's attention to Section 14 of the Tobacco Ordinance that in all proceedings

tobacco is presumed to be dutiable, but the Ordinance must be very carefully handled.

If it was always enforced, he hoped to show that the defendant was

not only in possession of the tobacco but he was aware that he

could give no proper explanation

under the Section and went further by endeavouring to make an explanation.

Mr. Tratman then went into

the witness-box and gave

formal evidence that the defendant had no permission

from himself to be in possession of the tobacco, which was

dutiable.

Mr. Tratman said that he

had written the

Government requesting

it to stop the

Government troops from making

any further advance on Fakian

and Shense, and to consult the

South to arrange an armistice

giving later instructions so that

peace negotiations may go ahead.

The Cabinet has replied that it

will do as requested.

The Cabinet has telegraphed the two Northern envoys in

Canton to appoint delegates.

It is reported that Tang Shao-yeo has

been appointed as chief delegate of the South.

LIGHTS O' LONDON.

Glorious in Comparison With Earlier Days.

"Ha!" said the old gentleman as he read of the drastic economies by which the street lighting of London is to be cut to an extent which will save more than half the coal and electricity in use in pre-war days. "London will be like it was when I was a boy." He seemed to revel in the prospect of this reversion to ancient days, and to look on still darker streets during the coming winter with a composure which every citizen should exultate. And if we all took a glance backward to what the lighting of London has been, says a writer in the *Morning Post*, we ought to feel thankful for the small mercies which the Coal Controller has seen fit to allow. London will still be brilliant in comparison with what it was, say, a couple of hundred years ago. In those ancient days it was badly lighted, badly paved, badly protected, and the darkness was an effectual cloak to the light finger-gentry or the footpad, pistol or club, who wanted your money or your life, and preferred your money because it was more useful than your life, although the taking of either endangered his own neck.

Imagine the Cimmerian gloom which the Act 1716 sought to relieve. It was enacted that every citizen whose house or door fronted a street of lace should hang out a candle, presumably in a "lantern," long enough to burn from six o'clock till eleven each night. The penalty for not doing so was one shilling. There may have been, and probably were, conscientious objectors—chiefly among the footpads—but even the honest citizen could enjoy many exemptions from the operation of the candle law. On dark nights the lighting was imperative, and also between the second night after the full moon and the seventh night after each new moon. But during March and April the candles need not be lit till seven o'clock; during May, June, July and August they need not be lit at all. Our forefathers took more advantage of "clear moonlight nights" than we do to-day.

247 Nights without Light:

The old regulation, feeble as the candle light they were supposed to provide, became a dead letter, and the lighting of London was taken from private hands and put into those of a contractor, who in consideration of a payment of £600 a year to the Corporation, was entitled to levy a rate of six shillings a year on every citizen who did not put out his private lantern. But even he was only required to light the lamps from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and not on lights during that period, so that it is computed London was lightless on 247 nights in the year. In course of time the period of lighting was made to run from sunset to sunrise, and the rate was increased to 7s. on every house under a rent of £10. to 20s. on a £12 house, 20s. to 30s. on one of £14, and 30s. to 40s. on a £16 house.

Until the introduction of gas the street lamp only served to exhibit the surrounding darkness, and our forefathers preferred to rely on each other for protection against the highwayman and the footpad. At Kensington a bell used to be rung at intervals on Sunday evening for people returning to town, and the gallants and ladies coming back from Old Sader's Wells preferred the light of the moon to any that a contractor might provide. Dear simple souls, a little light went a long way with them! That sturdy old individualist Hutton in 1780 remarked on the "brilliant illumination" of the streets, and was as pleased as Peppa on seeing twenty-two candles in one shop window. Peppa wrote of the roads crossing St. George's Fields as being "wonder of foreigner's" approaching the capital, throughout "avenues of lamps" and it is on record that one Ambassador thought London was illuminated in honour of his arrival; but, adds

A "CHINK" CANTEEN.

Somewhere in France.

"Me buy shop!"
He put down a hundred-franc note.
"Me no sell abop!" replied the man behind the counter.

The commercially inclined "Chink" cast another glance round the gaily painted little Y.M.C.A. canteen, narrowed his eyes as he surveyed the stock, fumbled somewhere among the variety of cloths swathed about his waist, and produced another hundred francs.

"Me buy abop alle!" he persisted, tendering the two notes.
"Me no sell 'shop abop alle!" repeated the canteen man decisively.

"You no bon!" declared the "Chink" quietly, as he hid his notes again.

He is not the first who has tried to buy the canteen.

Cigarettes, however, are in more general demand than canteens, but for the "Chink" the famous "gasper" hold no allure—he prefers a more expensive smoke.

No other canteen in France could produce such a motley crowd as gather in the "Chink" canteen. At one moment one is serving a "Chink" in a really passable Norfolk suit, very high collar and spotted tie—it is only when he walks away that one perceives his white stockings and shiny goloshes. His comrades, many of them with yellow bodies bared to the waist, open wide their eyes with admiration and follow his movements with undisguised curiosity.

Hats are their ruling passion—hats and onions!

As regularly as they go to buy vegetables do they purchase hats also. The canteen is something of a fashion parada. One group entering the canteen have just arrived from the adjacent town all wearing new hats—one a rishia bowler, another a yachting cap; two bright green soft hats and a large sized sou'-wester are also present.

"Sergeant," behind the counter, attends to their requests. Although he boasts no stripes of rank, he is always hailed as "Sergeant" or "Corporal." His rather diminutive assistant is "Likkie sir."

A newcomer has made something of a stir. He approaches the counter dressed in white ducks, trousers militarily tight, ended with cycle clips above bright carpet slippers, the whole surmounted by a brilliant cricket cap pulled well over his eyes.

"Likkie sir," he says, leaning over the counter and pointing towards the sardines, "Tin!"

"Likkie sir," before complying, leans forward, tips back the cricket cap, quickly surveys his customer, decides in his favour and passes over the sardines. The "Chink" takes no offence at the scrutiny; he knows the shaded face is suspicious and hat-tipping frequent, because stores being short no man is served twice in an evening. All eyes follow him as he retires to a seat with a can of hot water and dispenses of his sardines. Hot water is a favourite drink.

When the canteen closes it is necessary to rouse from their task several men stretched full length on the floor writing their letters home. Philosophically they collect their materials for composition the next night. That letter generally means the work of two days before it goes off in its large green envelope to some spot in China, where the paper bearing the famous red triangle will become a treasure in some Chinese home.

Pennant this was before the shameful adulteration of oil which dimmed the glorious splendour. Dark as London may be during the coming months, it will be glorious in comparison with the London of an earlier day. A little knowledge of the history of the City will be a great present help in our time of trouble.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

New Drying Process

The chemical engineering laboratory of Columbia University announced recently that it was perfecting a new drying process by which meats and fish could be kept indefinitely and then restored to their former state of freshness by the application of water. This process, it is believed, will increase the world's meat shipping capacity more than twelve times by doing away with the need of refrigerator cars.

Effort to Get China Trade. Wayne Oldwallador, who is on his way to the Orient representing a New York manufacturing concern, said recently that the United States will make a determined effort to get the trade of China, Japan and the Straits Settlements in dyes and chemicals, the trade formerly held exclusively by Germany. Many are following with interest the attempt to introduce American dyes and chemicals in the Far East and others are likely to follow Oldwallador in his path to the Far East.

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SELLING.

T/T 3/4
Demand 3/4 3/16
30 d/s 3/4 5/16
60 d/s 3/4 7/16
4 m/s 3/4 9/16

T/T Shanghai Nom.

T/T Singapore 14/24

T/T Japan 151

T/T India 220

Demand, India 220/4

T/T San Francisco 7 1/2

co & New York 18/2

T/T Java 18/2

T/T Marks Nom.

T/T France 4/33

Demand, Paris 4/33 1/2

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C 3/5/4

4 m/s. D/P 3/5/4

6 m/s. L/C 3/5/4

30 d/s. Sydney and 3/5/4

Melbourne.....

30 d/s. San Francisco 80/4

co & New York 80/4

4 m/s. Marks Nom.

4 m/s. France 4/50/2

6 m/s. France 4/55/2

Demand, Germany —

Demand, New York 79/4

T/T Bombay 220

Demand, Bombay 220/2

T/T Calcutta 220

Demand, Calcutta 220/2

Demand, Manila 16/1

Demand, Singapore 14/24

On Haiphong 2 1/2 % prem.

On Saigon 2 1/2 % prem.

On Bangkok 4/3/4

Sovereign 5.90 Nom.

Gold leaf per oz 42

Bar Silver, per oz 48 7/16

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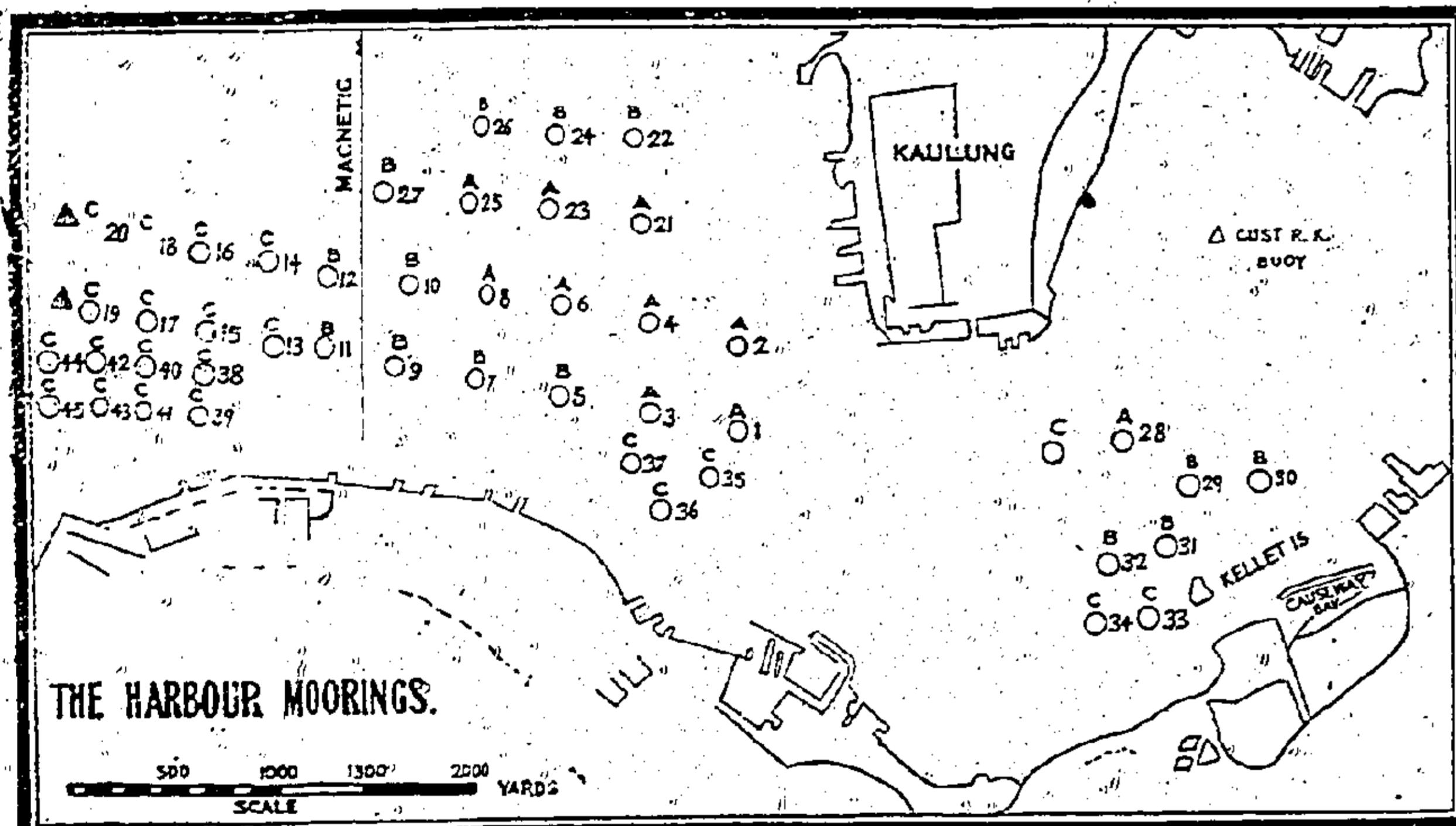
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\$1.60 per 1/4 lb. tin

Obtainable at all Tobacconists.

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VESSELS ARRIVED.

December 20.

Billion, 372, Dutch Capt. Meuwissen, Tin W. Tae J. C. J. Linia-Mooring.—B 29.

Key West, 3014, Norwegian Capt. Jorgensn, Shanghai, C. P. O. S.—Mooring—E Wharf.

Helios, 860, Norwegian Capt. Olsen, Saigon, Thorvalsen—Mooring.—B 3.

Tai Wei Maru, 1267, Jap. Capt. Hoshi, Sankiwa Min. Joo Tza-Mooring.—B 10.

Nisini Maru, 631, Jap. Capt. Kato, Keeling, Furukawa—Mooring.—B 31.

Seiwa Maru, 336 Jap. Capt. Nakamura, Takao, Sawama—Mooring.—B 11.

Nam, Kam, 680, Chin. Capt. Larwan, Haiphong, Wo Fat Co.—Mooring.—B 34.

Faoting, 1107, British Capt. Purvis, Swatow, E. & S.—Mooring.—B 12.

Kango, 161, Chin. Capt. Fernandez, Haiphong, Chinese—Mooring.—C 43.

Mikio Maru, 3076, Jap. Capt. Shinomori, Manila, N. Y. K.—Mooring—K Wharf.

POST OFFICE.

The mail dispatched from London to Hongkong via Suez on 11th Sept. 1918 was lost at sea through enemy action. It consisted of one bay only containing ordinary correspondence and 15 Registered articles marked "Via Suez".

In the case of Mail closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

OUTWARD MAILED.

TO-MORROW.

SATURDAY, 21st December.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per NIKOMARU,

21st Dec., 5 p.m.

Haiphong—Per PHUMPHENH, 21st

Dec., 11 a.m.

Amoy & Straits—Per TAIWAN MARU,

21st Dec., 1 p.m.

Saigon—Per BAN YEK, 21st Dec., 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, 22nd December.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per AMAKUSA M., 22nd

Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per DEUFABE,

22nd Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Shanghai & North China—Per

PAOTING, 22nd Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 23rd December.

Haiphong—Per TUN-SHING, 23rd

Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai & N. Mac.—Per WINGSAM,

23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

VESSELS CLEARED.

Hanfu Maru for Keelung, Gosh Kochi, Shikoku, Yunnan for Kunming, Takatori Maru for Yokohama, Footer for Canton.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND SURVEYOR.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY the 27th December, 1918, commencing at 12 o'clock (Noon) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

The Wreck of the s.s. "SUNGKIAN" as she now lies sunk off the West side of East Lammauk Island. The wreck lies in 10½ fathoms of water and is believed to be damaged under the engine room and aft.

TERMS.—Cash on fall of hammer when steamer will be at purchaser's risk.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

NOTICES.

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ANOTHER BLOCK OF HOUSES FOR A HOUSING SCHEME.

THE Undersigned, having acquired the whole of the houses in Granville Terrace, Kowloon, are prepared to make arrangements with any person desirous of owning any of these four-roomed houses by purchasing on the instalment system, preference to be given to the present tenants.

J. M. ALVES & CO.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1918.

HONGKONG STEEL
FOUNDRY COMPANY
LIMITED.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per share for account 1918/19 will be payable on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1918. Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, Hongkong.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd December 1918 to SATURDAY, 28th December, 1918, both days inclusive.

GORDON & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1918.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

THIS Department will be entirely CLOSED on Xmas and New Year days. It will be open for all purposes from 9 a.m. till NOON on the 26th December and 2nd January.

(Sd.) D. W. TRATMAN,
Superintendent,
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1918.

THE CHINA LIGHT &
POWER CO., LTD.

THE Register of shareholders will be CLOSED from the 23rd day of December 1918 to the 31st day of December 1918, both days inclusive.

The rights to shares in the new company will accrue to the shareholders who are on the Register on the 30th day of December 1918.

All intending transfers should be sent in or on before the 21st December 1918.

SHEW TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1918.

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DUDDELL STREET.

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MRS. MORIYA.

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PAKISTAN THERAPY IN THEIR OWN HOME

NOTICE.

ASAHI BEER.



WEATHER REPORT.

December 20th 12h. 16m.—No returns from Japan & V. Advertisements An amicable discussion has developed over N. China, and pressure has increased considerably in that region, and slightly elsewhere. The monsoon will freshen along the China coast, and over the N. China Seas.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 101.58 inches against an average of 82.70 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast

Hongkong to Gap Book N.E. winds, fresh to fair.

Formosa Channel N. winds, fresh to strong.

South coast of China between H.K. and Lammauk The sea is No. 1.

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O. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 20, 1918.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On date

Barometer 30.04 30.07 30.02

Temperature 75 71 77

Humidity 75 85 69

Wind Direction E. E.S.E. E.

Force 2 2 2

Weather 0 0 0

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

Height above Temperature on the 15th 73

Lower 15th 15th

H.K. Observatory, Dec. 20, 1918.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

From 16th Dec. to 22nd Dec.

Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon.	5.00	4.50
Tues.	7.00	6.00
Wed.	10.00	8.00
Thurs.	13.00	11.00
Fri.	16.00	14.00
Sat.	19.00	17.00
Sun.	22.00	20.00
Mon.	25.00	23.00
Tues.	28.00	26.00
Wed.	31.00	29.00
Thurs.	0.00	1.00
Fri.	3.00	2.00
Sat.	6.00	5.00
Sun.	9.00	8.00
Mon.	12.00	11.00
Tues.	15.00	14.00
Wed.	18.00	17.00
Thurs.	21.00	20.00
Fri.	24.00	23.00
Sat.	27.00	26.00
Sun.	30.00	29.00
Mon.	0.00	1.00
Tues.	3.00	2.00
Wed.	6.00	5.00
Thurs.	9.00	8.00
Fri.	12.00	11.00
Sat.	15.00	14.00
Sun.	18.00	17.00
Mon.	21.00	20.00
Tues.	24.00	23.00
Wed.	27.00	26.00
Thurs.	30.00	29.00
Fri.	0.00	1.00
Sat.	3.00	2.00
Sun.	6.00	5.00
Mon.	9.00	8.00
Tues.	12.00	11.00
Wed.	15.00	14.00
Thurs.	18.00	17.00
Fri.	21.00	20.00
Sat.	24.00	23.00
Sun.	27.00	26.00
Mon.	30.00	29.00

in morning & afternoon

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Foraging for Breakfast

